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CLEAN VERSION OF CLAIMS AS PRESENTLY PENDING

Clean Version of Amended Claims

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

1. (twice Amended). A system for monitoring and responding to the environment of an implanted device, wherein the device is not for drug delivery, comprising:

one or more sensors configured for monitoring data relating to variables selected from the group consisting of electrical, magnetic, mechanical, fluid flow, chemical, and thermal properties in the device or its environment in a patient,

at least one actuator configured for implementing a response to the monitored data in the device by causing a configurational change in the device,

means for communication to one of a series of nested loops of information exchange, and an external input connected through loops to effectuate change in the device from the at least one actuator.

2. The system of claim 1 which includes a data storage means.

3. (Once Amended). The system of claim 2 wherein the data storage means is configured to be placeable on the device or contiguous to the device or within or on the body of the patient.

4. The system of claim 1 which includes a telemetry means.

5. The system of claim 4 wherein the telemetry means is an analog or digital electronic device.

8. (Once Amended). The system of claim 1 additionally comprising monitoring means configured for positioning external to the patient.

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9. (Once Amended). The system of claim 1 wherein the sensor is configured to detect changes in pH, temperature, ion concentration, or analyte concentration.

19. (twice Amended). The system of claim 1 comprising transmitting and receiving means to the one or more sensors, wherein the transmitting and receiving means are suitable for transmitting or receiving data from a computer or phone communication means.

22. (Once Amended). The system of claim 1 further comprising means for remotely accessing the data.

27. (Once Amended). The system of claim 1 wherein at least one sensor is configured to measure fouling of the device or at least one sensor over time.

28. (twice Amended). The system of claim 36 wherein at least one sensor is configured to measure protein deposition or formation of a bacterial film on a biliary stent, increase in calcification of a urinary stent, and neointimal thickening of an arterial stent, resulting in an increase in thickness, mass and wall shear.

30. (Once Amended). The system of claim 1 comprising:

(a) one or more sensors for monitoring the general environment of the implanted device;

(b) monitoring means; and

(c) the one or more sensors configured for communicating information to the monitoring means and to each other, and configured for communicating commands to the actuator.

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31. (Once Amended). The system of claim 30 wherein the one or more sensors communicate information to a computer transmitting the information to another computer via the internet.

32. The system of claim 31 wherein the transmission over the Internet to another computer is via a posting to the world wide web.

33. (Twice Amended). An implantable device comprising:
multiple sensors configured for monitoring at least one condition;
at least one actuator configured for implementing a response to the monitored condition in the sensors other than drug delivery;

wherein the one or more sensors communicate information to a computer transmitting the information to another computer via the internet or through multiple levels of isolated or nested levels of information transfer, and

the one or more sensors and the at least one actuator configured for control by at least one apparatus external to the implantable device.

34. The system of claim 1 wherein the device is selected from the group consisting of therapeutic and diagnostic devices.

35. The system of claim 34 wherein the device is a diagnostic implant selected from the group consisting of spheres, pellets, wafers, slivers, chips, weaves, fabrics, and arrays.

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36. The system of claim 34 wherein the device is a therapeutic support device selected from the group consisting of stents, stent-grafts, grafts, rings, hooks, sutures, wires, tissue conduits.